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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 858

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A RESOLUTION to commend Mr. Richard Floyd for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the recipient of the Sandy Sandlin Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Richard Floyd is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd is a resident of Chattanooga who is highly respected by the members of his community; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, Richard Floyd played football and baseball at City high school and attended the University of Tennessee at Martin on a football scholarship; he was also a fastpitch softball player in the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary sales manager for the Coca-Cola company since 1963, Richard Floyd has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, because of his commitment to helping others, Mr. Floyd will be honored on June 19, 2000 at the Best of Preps banquet with the Sandy Sandlin Award; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious award is named after the late University of Chattanooga athletic trainer, whose life was characterized by unselfishness, a friendly spirit, a keen wit, and an urgency to help young people; and

WHEREAS, Richard Floyd embodies the spirit of the award on all accounts and epitomizes the spirit and dedication that is true of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd has given unreservedly of himself and is always eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; he is the past president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, chairman of the nominating committee on the Bethel Bible Village board, a past board member of the Christian Businessmen's Committee, a charter member of the Outreach to America's Youth Board, and is a member of the Chattanooga Fellowship of Christian Athletes board, in addition to serving with numerous other charities and fundraising ventures; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Mr. Floyd faithfully worships the Lord as an active and devout member of Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank, where he has led the music ministry since 1972; and

WHEREAS, Richard Floyd is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Richard Floyd is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Ann, their three children, and their four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Richard Floyd for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the 2000 recipient of the Sandy Sandlin Award and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.